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## **AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF PASCO – PINELLAS, INC. RECEIVES NO FINDINGS DURING ANNUAL MONITORING VISIT**

Agency Receives No Findings from Dept of Elder Affairs for Tenth Consecutive Year

St. Petersburg, FL, November 20<sup>th</sup>– For the tenth consecutive year, the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco – Pinellas (AAAPP) has received a monitoring report with no findings from the Florida Department of Elder Affairs (FL DOEA).

Each year, FL DOEA staff performs tests of compliance with federal and state programs, contracts, and sub-awards at each local Area Agency on Aging. Secretary of Elder Affairs Jeffrey Bragg noted AAAPP’s lack of findings for a full ten year period was an “exemplary achievement” and encouraged the Agency to continue to share its processes and practices with other Area Agencies.

The lack of findings by the Department signals the Agency’s ability to provide high-quality services to a high volume of clients, despite the growing number of older adults and growing demand for services throughout Pinellas & Pasco. The success of AAAPP is due in large part to its longstanding community partnerships, including lead agencies Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services in Pinellas and Community Aging & Retirement Services (CARES) in Pasco. Together with the AAAPP, these organizations work tirelessly to ensure services are available to those in need.

The eleven Area Agencies on Aging across the state of Florida are local nonprofit organizations designated by state and federal authorities to coordinate services to keep older adults in their homes and communities safely. Area Agencies on Aging accomplish this by coordinating a network of services and supports for seniors, caregivers, and individuals with disabilities.

The Area Agency on Aging of Pasco – Pinellas serves as a trusted resource to advocate, educate and empower seniors, adults with disabilities and caregivers which promotes independence, in partnership with the community. In 2017, AAAPP provided resources to more than 55,000 seniors in areas such as transportation, nutrition, caregiving, and more.

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